GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Funding for Afforestation
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines and criteria laid down for cutting of trees and afforestation during the construction of National Highways;

(b) whether any assessment of trees cut for the development of national highways has been done and any target fixed for afforestation, State-wise, including Bihar and Jharkhand;

(c) if so, the details thereof including funds sanctioned, released and used for this purpose during each of the last three years;

(d) the compensation deposited with forest department for afforestation during the said period, State-wise; and

(e) whether the Government is mulling to implement public-private partnership in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) Guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Changes have been followed.

(b) No, Madam.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No Compensation is deposited to the forest department. Afforestation is being done. However, there is a provision of 1% of civil work cost in the Green Highway (Plantation, Transplantation, Beautification and Maintenance) Policy, 2015for greening of highways.

(e) No, Madam.

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